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SUMMARY: IN COURSE OF AUGUST 26 PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENT CALLING FOR EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY, PRIMIN BHUTTO DISCUSSED PAK FOREIGN RELATIONS AND MADE SHARP ATTACK ON AFGHANISTAN. HE CHARGED THAT BLAME FOR POOR RELATIONS RESTED WITH KABUL, WARNED GOA TO STOP PROPAGANDA AND DISCONTINUE ALLEGED GUERRILLA TRAINING CAMPS, BUT SAID THAT PAKISTAN WOULD NOT ATTACK AFGHANISTAN. BHUTTO'S BELLICOSE TONE TOWARD AFGHANISTAN CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH HIS COMMENTS TOWARD INDIA WITH WHOM HE SAID RELATIONS IMPROVING. WE CONSIDER THIS GOODAUGURY FOR NORMALIZATION TALKS SCHEDULED HERE
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SEPTEMBER 12. END SUMMARY.

1. IN COURSE OF AUGUST 26 PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENT CALLING FOR EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY PRIMIN BHUTTO DISCUSSED PAK FOREIGN RELATIONS AND SOUGHT TO REFUTE OPPOSITION CHARGES THAT GOP'S FOREIGN POLICY HAD ALIENATED OLD FRIENDS. MUCH OF PM'S SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO SHARP ATTACK ON AFGHANISTAN.

2. PM CHARGED THAT BLAME FOR POOR RELATIONS WITH AFGHANS RESTED WITH KABUL GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS NOT RECOGNIZED DURAND LINE. PAKISTAN HAD NOT REPLIED TO KABUL'S YEAR LONG PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN WHICH CALLED PART OF PAKISTAN"OCCUPIED PAKHTOONISTAN", BHUTTO NOTED. HOWEVER, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT PROPAGANDA MUST STOP AND GUERRILLA TRAINING CAMPS MUST BE DISCONTINUED. THESE CAMPS IN KABUL, PRIMIN SAID, WERE TURNING OUT GUERRILLAS FROM SHORT AND LONG TERM COURSES IN WHICH NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY(NAP) LEADER AJMAL KHATTAK WAS GIVING LECTURES TO TRAINEES. KABUL-TRAINED PERSONS WERE THROWING BOMBS IN PAKISTAN AND SOME HAD CONFESSED TO THIS, BHUTTO SAID, REITERATING EARLIER ACCUSATIONS.

3. PM SAID NAP LEADER WALI KHAN'S TRIPS TO KABUL WERE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS WITH SARDAR DAUD AND KHATTAK WHICH, HE IMPLIED, DEALT WITH TRAINING GUERRILLAS. AFGHANISTAN MUST NOT ENCOURAGE WALI TO ACT AS THEIR AGENT AND INSTRUMENT OF POLICY, HE WARNED.

4. IN MIDST OF WARNINGS, BHUTTO SAID PAKISTAN WOULD NOT ATTACK AFGHANISTAN BUT ON CONTRARY HAD PROPOSED SIMLA STYPE NON-INTERFERENCE PACT ON U.N. AND BANDUNG PRINCIPLES. HOWEVER, HE WOULD NOT PRESENT BALUCHISTAN AND NWFP TO AFHANISTAN "ON SILVER PLATTER" TO BETTER RELATIONS,BUT INSTEAD WOULD DEFEND EVERY INCH OF PAKISTAN'S TERRITORY.

5. BHUTTO'S BELLICOSE TONE TOWARD AFGHANISTAN CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH HIS COMMENTS ON INDIA. THINGS HAVE IMPROVED ON ONE BORDER WHILE DETERIORATING ON OTHER, HE OBSERVED, AND HE HOPED RELATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO IMPROVE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF SIMLA AGREEMENT. BHUTTO ANSWERED WALI CHARGE THAT PUBLIC KEPT IN DARK ABOUT TALKS WITH GOI WHICH BROKE DOWN, THEN RESUMED(A CHARGE MADE BY MANY OPPOSITIONISTS).
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HE SAID NOTHING IS UNUSUAL ABOUT RESUMPTION OF TALKS, THEN CITED EXAMPLES OF OTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN HOSTILE SIDES WHICH BROKE DOWN, THEN RESUMED WHEN CONDITIONS PERMITTED.

6. BHUTTO PORTRAYED PAK RELATIONS WITH MUCH OF REST OF WORLD AS GOOD,PARTICULARLY MENTIONING SOVIET UNION, CHINA, USA(HE SAID NOTHING SPECIFIC), WESTERN EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA. HE DENIED WALI CHARGE THAT RELATIONS WITH

CHINA WERE DETERIORATING, AND SHAPED REPLY INTO IMPLICATION THAT WALI WAS A TOOL OF SOVIETS WHO WAS TRYING TO WORSEN PAK-CHINESE RELATIONS FOR SOVIET GAIN.

7. PM CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS WITH IRAN IN MOST FAVORABLE TERMS. HE NOTED THAT IRAN HAD GIVEN HUGE LOAN TO PAKISTAN AND WAS INVESTING IN PAK INDUSTRY. HE ALSO MENTIONED (WITHOUT GIVING DETAILS) THAT SHAH COMING TO PAKISTAN THIS WINTER.

8. COMMENT: WHILE SHARP TONE OF BHUTTO'S REMARKS ABOUT PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED IN SOME MEASURE TO NEED TO JUSTIFY CONTINUANCE OF EMERGENCY, THEY ARE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF HIS DIM VIEW OF GOA MOTIVES AND INTENTIONS. (REFTEL) NOTEWORTHY THAT HIS REMARKS ABOUT INDIA, MOST MODERATE FOR SOME TIME, MAKE NO FURTHER MENTION OF CHARGES OF GOI-GOA COLLUSION AGAINST PAKISTAN OR INDIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH KASHMIR PLEBISCITE FRONT LEADERS, MATTERS HE DWELLED ON AT SOME LENGTH DURING HIS FRONTIER AND BALUCHISTAN TRIPS EARLIER THIS SUMMER. WE CONSIDER THIS A GOOD AUGURY FOR TALKS SCHEDULED TO RESUME IN ISLAMABAD SEPTEMBER 12, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT GOI INSISTENCE THAT PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION CAN ONLY BE MADE IF HOSTILE PROPAGANDA ABATES.
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